

STATE PSYCHOLOGY BOARD

January 14, 2011

Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order by Sharon Bowman, Ph.D. at 9:25 a.m. in Conference Center Room 4 of the Indiana Government Center South, 302 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204; a quorum was established.

Members Present:

Sharon Bowman, Ph.D., Chair
Raymond W. Horn, Ph.D., Member
Helen Lands, Consumer Member
Jere Leib, Ph.D., Member
Stephen Ross, Psy.D, Member

Members Absent:

Joseph R. Biggs, Ph.D., Vice-Chair

Staff Present:

Tasha Coleman, Board Director, Indiana Professional Licensing Agency
Andre Phillips, Assistant Board Director, Indiana Professional Licensing Agency
Elizabeth Brown, Board Counsel, Indiana Attorney General's Office

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the Agenda, as amended.

Horn/Leib

4/0/0 Motion carried

III. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 12 , 2010 MEETING OF THE BOARD

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the Minutes from the November 12, 2010 meeting.

Horn/Leib

4/00/ Motion carried

IV. PROBATIONARY PERSONAL APPEARANCES

A. George W. Berry, PhD

Dr. Berry did personally appear before the Board as per the terms of his probationary order. Dr. Berry is in compliance with his order and has continued to see Dr. Becker as ordered to discuss boundary issues, practice/professional development and . He is seeing patients at this point and is discussing his case load with Dr. Becker as he would if he were undergoing case supervision.

V. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

A. Rachel Njuguna, PhD

Re: Repeat Examination – (fourth attempt)

Dr. Njuguna did personally appear before the Board to request that the Board approve her to sit for the EPPP for a fourth time. She has demonstrated that she has a study plan in place to assist her in passing the exam on her next attempt. She has purchased study materials, attended a workshop and virtual workshop and working with two colleagues to help her with her test anxiety. The Board advised Ms. Njuguna to audit a statistics and IO course to help her since she is struggling in those two areas and to take some practice multiple choice tests (not necessarily psychology in nature) to assist her with her anxiety with multiple choice exams. A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Njuguna to sit for the EPPP for the fourth attempt.

Leib/Ross

4/0/0 Motion carried

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

A. In the matter of Mervin Smucker, Ph.D.

Cause No. 2010 PB 0003

Re: Appeal of Denial

Parties and Counsel Present:

Mervin Smucker, Ph.D.

Stacy Cook

Witnesses:

Mervin Smucker, Ph.D.

Participating Board Members:

Sharon Bowman, Ph.D.

Stephen Ross, Psy.D.

Jere Leib, Ph.D.

Raymond W. Horn, Ph.D.

Court Reporter:

David Oesterreich

Case Summary:

Resolution: Based on the information received and discussed in the hearing a motion was made and seconded to overturn the original decision and to grant the license renewal with conditions and to issue the license on probation. Terms of probation would be for a

minimum of two years, keep the board abreast of work and residential addresses, notify employers and contractual agents of probationary status, keep the board advised if he intends to see patients or supervisees in Indiana and to give the board four months lead time prior to the start of a client/patient relationship and to have a board approved practice monitor if he is practicing in Indiana and receive reports on his performance and any indication of problematic behavior from his clinical, director in Germany who would oversee the training of students. Reports are to be received not later than two weeks prior to his scheduled appearance. Complete an additional six category I CE training above the required 20 hours of Category I hours (face to face) in the area of ethical boundaries, client manipulation, management of transference and counter transference (beyond the required 6 for renewal) over and above the 8 online hours completed recently. Additional courses must have the prior approval of the Board and be completed within 12 months of the date of the final order. Four appearances for the first year of probation (May, July and November of 2011 and January 2012), two of the meetings must be in person and two may be electronic if he is physically located in Germany and has requested pre-approval from the Board. After the first year of probation the board would determine the necessity of continued personal appearances.

Leib/Horn
4/0/0 Motion carried

A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Horn as Board liaison for Dr. Smucker

Ross/Leib
4/0/0 motion carried

VIII. APPLICATION REVIEW

A. Heather O'Neill, PsyD. Re: CE approval

A motion was made and seconded to approve the CE application of Dr. O'Neill for 34 hours of Category II CE.

Leib/Horn
3/1/0 (Bowman opposed) Motion carried

B. Donald R. Weller, Ph.D. Re: CE approval

A motion was made and seconded to approve the CE course and require proof of attendance to approve for category II credit hours at the end of the course.

Leib/Ross
4/0/0 Motion carried

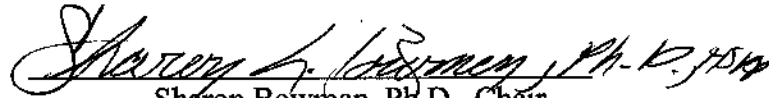
C. Jennifer Rawlings, Psy.D. Re: Practicum experience

IX. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A. HSPP Instructions/Application review

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and having completed its duties, the meeting of the State Board of Psychology adjourned at 5:00 pm.


Sharon Bowman, Ph.D., Chair